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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, MOPS, IT, PBOR

SUBJECT: SSN PORT VISITS ITALY MAY 74

REF: STATE 086131

1. PURSUANT TO REFTEL DEFATT CAPT. CHARLES MCGRATH SOUGHT IMMEDIATE APPOINTMENT AM OF APRIL 27 WITH ITALIAN VICE CNO V/ADM BALDINI (ITALIAN CNO OUT OF TOWN) TO PRESENT U.S. CASE FOR ADHERING TO PLANNED SSN PORT VISIT SCHEDULE FOR MAY. ALSO PRESENT WERE R/ADM. GIONCADA (CHIEF OF PLANS AND OPERATIONS), R/ADM. FEDELE (CNO STAFF) AND CMDR. SFERRA (FOREIGN LIAISON OFFICE). UPSHOT OF LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS, DURING WHICH DEFENSE ATTACHE EFFECTIVELY UTILIZED POINTS OUTLINED IN REFTEL, WAS ADM. BALDINI'S ASSURANCE THAT MAY SCHEDULE AS PRESENTED BY U.S. WOULD BE APPROVED. IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT THAT BALDINI IS OVERRULED BY MINISTRY OF DEFENSE  
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WITH WHOM FINAL APPROVING AUTHORITY RESTS, WE WILL MOVE QUICKLY

UP POLITICAL LADDER TO DEFENSE MINISTER, IF NECESSARY, TO FORESTALL ANY NEGATIVE GOI DECISION ON PORT VISITS. IT IS OUR JUDGMENT, HOWEVER, THAT BALDINI'S POSITIVE DECISION WILL HOLD.

2. DURING COURSE OF DISCUSSION, BALDINI MADE TWO REQUESTS THAT WE BELIEVE HAVE MERIT AND SHOULD BE ACCEDED TO BY OUR NAVY. BALDINI ASKED THAT SSN VISITS TO LA MADDALENA BE LIMITED TO TWO AT ANY ONE TIME DURING TOURIST MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS HAS BEEN NORMAL PRACTICE IN THE PAST, HENCE IT SHOULD NOT INVOLVE SEVERE HARDSHIP FOR OUR SUBMARINE FORCES. THIS OF COURSE DOES NOT PRECLUDE ADDITIONAL VISITS IN THE EVENT OF EMERGENCIES. HIS SECOND REQUEST WAS THAT WE REDUCE THE NUMBER OF SSN VISITS TO NAPLES, WITH NO MORE THAN ONE IN PORT AT ANY ONE TIME, AND MAKE GREATER USE OF LA SPEZIA. BALDINI NOTED THAT THE NARROWNESS OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE NAPLES HARBOR INCREASED THE POSSIBILITY THAT SOME WAYWARD ITALIAN CRAFT MIGHT IN HIGH WINDS COLLIDE WITH AN SSN. THIS, HE SAID, WOULD RESULT IN AN INTOLERABLE POLITICAL OUTCRY. BALDINI OBSERVED LA SPEZIA IS A MILITARY PORT AND OUR SSN'S ARE MORE THAN WELCOME THERE.

3. WE ARE OPTIMISTIC THAT THE CURRENT FLAP HAS BEEN PUT TO REST, BUT WOULD LIKE TO BE IN A POSITION TO AGREE TO BALDINI'S REQUESTS RE LA MADDALENA AND NAPLES AT AN EARLY DATE. PLEASE ADVISE. VOLPE

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